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SUBJECT: US DEMARCHE RE: YUGOSLAV ROLE AT SECURITY

COUNCIL MEETING IN PANAMA

REF: USUN 1071, BELGRADE 1720

1. STOESEL WILL DELIVER DEMARCHE TO AMBASSADOR GRANFIL
APRIL 4, EXPRESSING OUR DISPLEASURE WITH YUGOSLAV ROLE AT
SC MEETING PANAMA AND CAUTIONING ABOUT POSSIBLE DETRIMENTAL
EFFECT ON OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS IF YUGOSLAVS FAIL TO
CONSIDER US NATIONAL INTERESTS.

2. FOR BELGRADE AND USUN: YOU SHOULD DRAW ON FOLLOWING
IN MAKING PARALLEL DEMARCHES.

3. IN CONTEXT OF MAINTAINING OUR GOOD RELATIONS, WE WILL
POINT OUT:

-- THAT YUGOSLAV ROLE WAS UNHELPFUL;

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- THAT YUGOSLAVIA WAS AWARE THAT USG DID NOT CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE FOR SC TO TAKE UP MATTER UNDER NEGOTIATION BETWEEN TWO UN MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY AS THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF THREAT TO PEACE;
- THAT WHILE YUGOSLAVIA MIGHT, BECAUSE OF ITS NON-ALIGNED POLICY, VIEW CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

DIFFERENTLY FROM US, WE EXPECT YUGOSLAVIA TO GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO US POSITION ESPECIALLY WHERE DIRECT US INTERSTS ARE INVOLVED.

4. WE WILL ALSO SAY:

- WE ASSUME YUGOSLAVIA UNDERSTANDS THAT US HAS DIRECT NATIONAL INTEREST IN PANAMA WHICH INVOLVES US SECURITY;
- WE MADE SPECIAL EFFORT IN BELGRADE AND NEW YORK TO INFORM YUGOSLAVIA OF OUR SERIOUS EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT WITH PANAMA;
- WE THEREFORE FOUND YUGOSLAVIA'S ACTION DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND. LIMITED DIRECT YUGOSLAV INTERESTS IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE WOULD NOT WARRANT UNUSUAL DEGREE OF ACTIVITY BY YUGOSLAV UN DELEGATION, E. G. ENCOURAGEMENT OF ATTENDANCE BY FOREIGN MINISTERS OF GUYANA, JAMAICA, AND MEXICO; FAILURE TO CONSULT WITH US DELEGATION IN MEANINGFUL WAY; ACTIVE ROLE IN DRAFTING RESOLUTION SO ADVERSE TO US INTERESTS THAT WE WERE COMPELLED TO EXERCISE VETO; AND INITIATIVE IN SUGGESTING INSCRIPTION OF ISSUE ON AGENDA OF 28 TH UNGA;
- WE FOUND PARTICULARLY DISTASTEFUL MARCH 21 STATEMENT BY YUGOSLAV PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE WHICH A) TERMED CANAL SITUATION A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, B) CAST ASPERSIONS ON MOTIVATIONS US EXERCISE ITS RIGHT OF VETO, AND C) CONTAINED INTIMATIONS OF INCITATION TO VIOLENCE (PARA 5, USUN 1071);
- WE HOPE YUGOSLAVIA WILL GIVE ITS SUPPORT TO US-PANAMANIAN EFFORTS TO REACH AGREEMENT THROUGH BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS;
- WE LOOK FORWARD TO FULLER CONSULTATIONS ON UN ISSUES, PARTICULARLY WHILE YUGOSLAVIA IS SC MEMBER, TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS WHICH WOULD AFFECT OUR RELATIONS. ROGERS

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